

**REMARKS**

Claims 29 and 31 are amended; as a result, claims 29, 30, 31, and 32 are now pending in the application.

**§ 102 Rejection of the Claims**

Claims 29-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Declercq *et al.* (U.S. 5,473,268).

Claims 29 and 31, as amended, each recite, "a static voltage-level converter including *at most four transistors*." (emphasis added) In contrast Declercq *et al.*, at FIG. 8, teaches a level translator 21 (see abstract) having six transistors. Hence, Declercq *et al.* fails to teach each of the elements of claims 29 and 31, as amended. Thus, the office action fails to state a *prima facie* case of anticipation with respect to claims 29 and 31, as amended.

Claims 30 is dependent on claim 29. Claim 32 is dependent on claim 31. For reasons analogous to those stated above and elements in the claim, applicant respectfully submits that the office action fails to state a *prima facie* case of anticipation with respect to claims 30 and 32.

Therefore, applicant requests withdrawal of the rejections and reconsideration and allowance of claims 29-32.

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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone applicant's attorney at 612-371-2109 to facilitate prosecution of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,

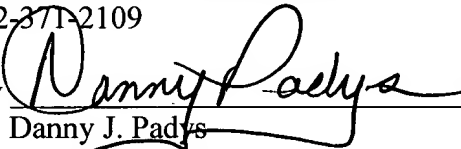
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